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The Theology of Ordination Committee is meeting this week, January 15-17. The committee has a new website where any available information will be posted. List of Committee members; MORE

Gone but not Forgotten - Max C. Torkelsen II, a longtime church administrator and educator, who served in the 1970s as president of the North Pacific Union Conference, died at his home in Portland, Oregon, United States, on December 8. He was 86. MORE

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Announcements

Remember Special Sabbaths:

Religious Liberty Week, January 20-26, ends with Liberty Offering Sabbath, January 26. The theme for the 2013 Liberty Magazine Campaign is Unashamed of the Gospel. Get campaign resources and suggestions for how to conduct the campaign in your church. View the highlighted story of a young college student working as a literature evangelist who was arrested for violating local zoning coordinates. With more and more cases like his happening in the U.S. we have a responsibility to support religious freedom which has been under attack. The largest use of the offering goes for Liberty subscriptions for political and thought leaders. Also see the North American Religious Liberty website for news, resources, and more.
**Christian Home and Marriage Week**, February 3-9, includes Christian Marriage Sabbath on February 9. For suggestions and resources go to [NAD Family Ministries Department](#). The key resource is the 2013 Planbook (NAD edition) that contains sermons, seminars, children's story and more, that churches can use to promote and celebrate this day.

**Health Ministries Sabbath** is February 16. A webinar was held on January 15 to give suggestions for Health Ministries Sabbath, and resources were outlined. You can still access the [recorded webinar](#) (under “Webinars”). Get Health Ministries Sabbath resources [HERE](#). Be sure to register for [Health Summit New York](#) by January 31 for early bird savings. Programs and posters in English and Spanish.

**Black History Month, February 2-23.** A full article will be printed in the February edition of *Adventist World NAD Edition*.

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**Resources**

**The Junior SS Study Guides**, [PowerPoints](#), has been enhanced to include a biblical timeline, retro-inspired, realistic artwork, parents’ pages, and additional emphasis to key Adventist doctrines.

Revisions are planned for Primary Study Guides in 2014, and Beginner and Kindergarten Study Guides in 2015. [MORE](#)

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**ViewPoints**

"...Whenever you and I are wrapped up with materialism, money, the love of money, it just goes past the door system, the door keeper. And Ellen White says, 'Here is a picture of Lucifer saying to his angels at a workers meeting... telling his angels, "Go make the possessors of land and money drunk with the cares of this life."' So whenever we’re wrapped up in materialism, we probably don’t even realize it but it blurs our spiritual eyesight and we can’t make decisions. We’re just on the treadmill, the cycle, and we just continue to go on." -- John Mathews, NAD Stewardship Director, taken from "Emotional Branding" Stewardship Seminar at Wisconsin Camp Meeting, June 22, 2012

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**REACH North America**

**REACH: Education for Discipleship**

Pastors in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference gathered for three days of intensive training to become certified Church Plant Coaches. They were led by Tom Evans who has coordinated the planting of 114 new congregations and who now is associate director at NAD Evangelistic...
Institute, and by Walter Allred, a pastor in Texas who also coaches several lay church planters. [MORE] (see page 30)
2013 Adventist world budget: mission, administrative support

Dec. 27, 2012 Silver Spring, Maryland, United States

Ansel Oliver/ANN

The 2013 budget of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s world headquarters funds mission work and administrative support outside of North America, as well as the operation of the headquarters building.

The Adventist Church’s nearly US$174 million world budget this year allocates nearly $42.4 million in appropriations to the fields outside of North America. An additional $28.5 million appropriations funds missionaries and employees serving in other divisions.

Operating costs for the denomination’s headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, United States, is limited to 2 percent of world tithe, which for 2013 is set for roughly $44 million. Church finance officers said they again expect headquarters to operate substantially below that cap.

For decades, the headquarters has operated significantly under the operating cap, making more resources available for world fields, said Juan R. Prestol, undertreasurer for the Adventist world church.

Prestol underscored that the world budget only includes items relating to the denomination’s world headquarters and does not include the reported incomes or budgets for its 13 divisions or respective local administrative units and congregations. The world budget includes headquarters operations, Inter-Divisional Employees, and appropriations to world divisions and General Conference institutions and programs.

Prestol highlighted the steady planning of church officials and finance officers.

“Some organizations fluctuate more in the way they budget things. The church is not like that. We attempt to forge ahead. Once we enter an area we want to continue until the work is established and self-sufficient. It takes years to do that, though.”

This year’s world budget includes the newly-created Middle East North Africa Union, which is attached directly to the Adventist Church headquarters.

Receiving divisions other than North America are allocated appropriations between $1.3 million and $4.8 million. The 2013 world budget also includes a 2 percent increase over 2012 appropriations levels.

Prestol said world budgets since the 2008 economic downturn have “been planned to provide stability and strategic support for growth in needed areas.”

“The church is very purposeful, very deliberate, very persistent, and we’re continuing to move towards the objectives and the goals to enter every country and people group possible,” he said.

Prestol said about 65 percent of the denomination’s funding is received in the U.S. dollar, Brazilian real, euro, Canadian dollar, Australian dollar, Mexican peso, Korean won and the Philippine peso.

The United States remains the largest giver of mission offerings of any country. In 2011, the denomination’s North American Division gave $23.4 million in mission offerings, or about 30 percent of the total of about $80 million in mission offerings.

Prestol also highlighted the change in modern times of the denomination’s missionaries funded by the world budget. The $28.5 million for missionaries (Inter-Divisional Employees) in decades past often funded frontline workers. Now, he said, budgets more commonly fund missionaries, who provide steady administrative support and mentor frontline workers from the local people group.

Other major appropriations identified in the 2013 General Conference world budget include:

- $8.3 million for Loma Linda University
- $5.5 million for Adventist World magazine
- $4.9 million for Andrews University
- $4.7 million for Hope Channel
- $2.4 million for Ellen G. White Estate
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http://news.adventist.org/en/archive/articles/2012/12/27/2013-adventist-w...

- $2.3 million for Adventist World Radio
- $1.4 million for the 2015 General Conference Session
- $1.2 million for Oakwood University
- $1.1 million for Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies
- $1.1 million for the Geoscience Research Institute
- $1 million for the Adventist University of Africa

To see a complete copy of the 2013 General Conference world budget as an Excel spreadsheet, please send a request to the ANN editor at adventistnews@gc.adventist.org.
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9-26-12 North American Division Organizes Theology of Ordination Study Committee

In response to the General Conference’s request, the North American Division has put in place a committee to study the theology of ordination and its implications. “As we looked to staff this committee, we sought for balance and different perspectives that will represent all viewpoints of the Division,” said G. Alexander Bryant, NAD executive secretary. “It is our desire and hope that this group will sincerely and prayerfully give deep study from the Bible on the subject of ordination. We are looking for this committee to present its findings and conclusion to the NAD Year-end Executive Committee no later than November 2013.”

Upon the Division’s review of the committee’s report, it will then be given to the General Conference’s Theology of Ordination Committee along with the other 12 division reports. The 13 division reports will then be synthesized by the General Conference’s Theology of Ordination Committee along with other material. After that, the Committee will present it to the 2014 Annual Council for a final vote.

A timeline was voted at the 2010 General Conference Session in Atlanta, Ga., in reference to the Church’s research and discussion on this issue with its Biblical Research Institute serving as the facilitator.

Listed below is the theology of ordination study process timeline:

October 2011—At the Annual Council, the process is presented and each division is asked to request their division biblical research committee to make a study of the theology of ordination and its implications for church practices. Divisions that have not yet established a division biblical research committee are kindly requested to do so. The Biblical Research Institute will provide the necessary materials, which will be of help in establishing the biblical research committees.

November 2013—Each division committee at their 2013 year-end meetings reviews the study made by their division biblical research committee and recommends it to the Biblical Research Institute director for consideration by a theology of ordination study committee.

November 2013—The General Conference Administrative Committee appoints a Theology of Ordination Study Committee with appropriate division representation.

December 2013-June 2014—The Theology of Ordination Study Committee analyzes the materials received from the divisions and prepares a combined report.

June 2014—Report is reviewed by General Conference executive officers.

June 2014—Report is reviewed with the President’s Executive Administrative Council (PREXAD) and the General Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM).

October 2014—General Conference administration process the report to the 2014 Annual Council

October 2014—Annual Council will review the report and, if needed, take any appropriate action. If voted material needs to be placed on the 2015 General Conference Session agenda, it will be processed accordingly.

At the 2011 North American Division Year-end Meeting, executive committee members voted to allow Division leadership to elect a committee to provide direction to the development of a series of papers, which will contribute to the discussion of the biblical theology of ordination and its implications prior to the 2015 General Conference Session in San Antonio, Tex.

Members elected to serve on the North American Division’s Theology of Ordination Committee include:

Gordon Bietz, D.Min., Chairman
President of Southern Adventist University

Kyoshin Ahn, Ph.D.
Executive Secretary, Illinois Conference

Dedrick Blue, D.Min.
Pastor, Northeastern Conference

JoAnn Davidson, Ph.D.
Professor, Andrews University
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Associate Director, Biblical Research Institute

Ivan Williams, D.Min.
Director, Ministerial Department, North American Division
Remembrance: Torkelsen, 86, was a world church vice president

Dec. 23, 2012 Silver Spring, Maryland, United States

ANN staff

Max C. Torkelsen, a longtime church administrator and educator, who also served as vice president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, died at his home in Portland, Oregon, United States, on December 8. He was 86.

Torkelsen, who served in the 1970s as president of the North Pacific Union Conference, based in Ridgefield, Washington, was known to promote successful young pastors to leadership positions, often while still younger than typical church administrators.

“Most satisfying for him was giving people opportunity to expand their abilities, hiring young pastors, or bringing people in,” said his son Max C. Torkelsen II, who now serves as president of the North Pacific Union Conference.

Born in Nebraska to farmers, the elder Torkelsen was drafted into the Army and served as a medic in Germany during World War II. Following the war, he began his ministry career in North Dakota as a pastor. He later moved into educational work as a principal and superintendent. He continued into conference administrative posts throughout the Western United States.

In retirement he helped raise money for scholarships in the Northwest and worked as a visitation pastor for the College Place Village Church, near the denomination’s Walla Walla University in Washington.

He is survived by his wife Ardis, three children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Max C. Torkelsen was a church administrator in the American Northwest before accepting a call to serve as a vice president of the Adventist world church in 1980. He died earlier this month at age 86. [photo courtesy NPUC]
Southern Adventist University students stir debate over King David
By Clint Cooper
Saturday, January 12, 2013

Southern Adventist University Institute of Archaeology Director Dr. Michael Hasel speaks about artifacts from the
Fortress of Elah in Israel.
Photo by Dan Henry /Chattanooga Times Free Press.

Work in Israel by students at Southern Adventist University has helped move the
needle in the debate over whether King David was the significant ruler described
in the Bible or a minor figure in Near Eastern history.

For three summers from 2009 to 2011, students with the Collegedale school's
Institute of Archaeology were part of an excavation team in partnership with the
Hebrew University and the Israel Antiquities Authority. The group was working at
the Fortress of Elah, an ancient city from the time of the biblical king.

What was uncovered, according to Southern Adventist University Institute of
Archaeology Director Dr. Michael Hasel, dates the site to the time of "one of the
most famous" stories in the Bible, the battle between young David and the
Philistine Goliath.

"I'm not saying we have found evidence of that battle," he says, but the pottery,
the radiocarbon dating of items and things as random as olive pits have
established the site's presence in the Davidic time period of 1052-974 B.C.
Whether it was built during the reign of Saul, David's predecessor and the first
king of the united Israel, or during David's reign is not clear.

In recent years, says Hasel, some scholars questioned David's significance
because of a lack of fortifications, literacy and overall kingdom because of a lack
of evidence. An insignificant David, he says, "strikes at the heart of Judaism and
Christianity."

The body of findings from the nearly six-acre dig, known in Arabic as Khirbet
Qeiyafa, "changes a lot," he says.

"It's not the smoking gun, but it has revolutionized the debate."

Evidence

The double casement wall around the fortress, made from 200,000 tons of stone and
used to enclose 500 to 600 soldiers and their families, is one tip-off to its significance,
according to Hasel. That type of wall "requires design and architectural organization," he
says, and the fact that such stonework was in use during the time of David "leads me to
believe it was built during reign of Saul."

The wall also had two gates, one facing the land held by the Philistines and one facing
the road to Jerusalem, he says. Other than Jerusalem, no other Judean fortress city has
been found to have two gates, he says.

IF YOU GO

• Exhibit: "The Battle Over King David: Excavating the Fortress of Elah," artifacts
  from the National Treasures of Israel, through April 2014
  • Where: Lynn H. Wood Archaeological
  Museum at Southern Adventist University, Collegedale
  • Hours: 9 a.m.-noon & 1-5 p.m. Monday-
  Thursday; 9 a.m.-noon Friday; 2-5 p.m.
  Sat.-Sun.
  • Information: 423-236-2030 or
  www.southern.edu/archaeology

• Lecture: "Sanctuary and Cult at Khirbet
  Qeiyafa" by Hebrew University of
  Jerusalem professor Yosef Garfinke
  • When: Feb. 12. 6:30 p.m. open house;
  7:30 p.m. lecture
  • Where: Lynn H. Wood Archaeological
  Museum, Southern Adventist University,
  Collegedale
  • How much: Free
Storage jars found in abundance at the archaeological site also point to the Saul/David era. Many have finger impressions on the handle, some of them personal stamps with the words "for the king."

Likewise, seals for official documents, used as amulets and good-luck charms, date to the period.

"They're our smallest artifacts but ones we were most excited about," Hasel says.

Martin G. Klingbeil, professor of biblical studies and archaeology at Southern Adventist, says seals are like passports.

"They identify you," he says. "They give you authority. Finding a seal is also very exciting."

For the Fortress of Elah dig, Klingbeil says, the seals have helped corroborate the time period because they "can tell you a lot about the date and the religion of the time period."

An ostracon, or a broken piece of a storage jar with writing, may have been the dig's top archaeological find. The piece -- a reproduction is in the Lynn Wood Museum temporary exhibit at Southern Adventist -- has five lines of Hebrew writing. The original, found by a Hebrew University volunteer, has been examined by the top imaging labs in the United States, according to Hasel. Two language reconstructionists, he says, offered translations, and both mentioned a king, again dating the item to the Saul/David period.

"It's significant," he said, because experts had "seen no evidence of writing" in Hebrew prior to this.

The ruins of the Fortress of Elah were first uncovered in 2007. The Collegedale school became involved a couple of years later.

Although Southern Adventist students were not involved in on-site digs in 2012 and won't be this summer while their final report is published in three volumes (the second due this fall), they'll return to Israel for a dig in 2014. Each trip includes 50 to 60 archaeology students, general-education students and staff and runs six weeks in the summer.

"We've been very privileged to be included in it," says Justo Morales, museum coordinator. "It makes an [exciting] experience for them."

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Portland, Ore – January 3, 2013 -- Adventist Medical Center is taking cancer treatment to new levels with the only technology in the Northwest designed to provide complex radiation therapy delivered with extreme accuracy. The Agility technology system promises cancer patients a new level of precision and delivery speed in radiation therapy treatments. This new technology is allowing Adventist Medical Center clinicians the ability to provide sophisticated cancer treatment solutions for patients, with a lower risk of side effects.

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“As a physician, it is imperative that we have the safest and most accurate technology to treat those battling cancer,” says Aaron Hicks, MD., Radiation Oncologist at Adventist Medical Center. “We are using this potentially life-saving technology because we believe patients deserve the very best options to treat cancer.”

Agility supports Adventist Medical Center’s commitment to offer patients the most advanced cancer treatment possible, keeping pace with rapidly accelerating advancements in disease understanding and approaches.

Details of the Advanced Cancer Treatment Agility allows sophisticated customization of the radiation beam that is directed to the cancer patient’s tumor. External beam radiation is delivered by a device called a linear accelerator, also known as a linac. The head of the linac holds a multi-leaf collimator (MLC) that employs multiple moving tungsten leaves to block portions of the radiation beam, shaping it as it exits the device. The more the shape of the beam conforms to the shape of the tumor, the more accurately it targets the tumor.

The more accurate the treatment, the less existing potential for damage to surrounding tissues. The rapid, highly accurate technology, enables higher treatment dose rates and improved beam shaping, resulting in improved patient outcomes with reduced side effects.

About Adventist Medical Center (AMC) Adventist Medical Center (AMC), located in southeast Portland, is a nonprofit, 302-bed acute care facility, offering a full range of inpatient, outpatient and emergency services throughout the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area. It is home to Adventist Health-Portland, which includes more than 30 primary care and specialty clinics in the metro area.

Adventist Health-Portland is part of Adventist Health, a faith-based, not-for-profit integrated health care delivery system serving communities in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. Our workforce of 28,700 includes more than 21,000 employees; 4,500 medical staff physicians; and 3,000 volunteers. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist health values, Adventist Health provides compassionate care in 19 hospitals, more than 150 clinics (hospital-based, rural health and physician clinics), 14 home care agencies, six hospice agencies and four joint-venture retirement centers. We invite you to visit our website at www.adventisthealthnw.com for more
Sherri Ingram-Hudgins steps into the homeless resource center on U.S. 1 in Jessup on the cold, rainy afternoon after Christmas, just about two years to the day since she began her effort to help people living on the margins.

The place has been open more than an hour and is already crowded with people stopping in to do laundry or use a computer, get a meal, maybe pick up donated clothing or canned goods.

She walks into the meeting room she’s been using for gatherings of a nonprofit organization she founded in the spring as a kind of experiment — giving small, direct cash grants to help people get a job, or a place to live, or perhaps to aid them in achieving better health or emotional well-being. As far as she and the director of a national homeless advocacy group can tell, there’s nothing else like A Hat for Harold.

She calls this her “pilot site.” The room at the U.S. 1 Day Resource Center, furnished with desks, a couple of computers, file cabinets, bookcases and swivel chairs, fills up soon enough — eight men, two women, roughly the gender ratio you’d expect among the homeless at large in Howard County.

They listen as Ingram-Hudgins explains that they’ll be voting today to divide up $300. She says only seven are eligible to vote today, based on their past participation in these meetings, and three are eligible for a grant.

A Hat for Harold is still a work in progress, said Ingram-Hudgins, who is working in collaboration with a couple of members of her board of directors but without an exact model for what she’s trying to do.

It seems simple enough: The organization — which is not affiliated with Grassroots Crisis Intervention, which runs the Resource Center — raises money, then gives it out in small increments.

A computer programmer who lives in Montgomery County, Ingram-Hudgins started volunteering here in March of last year, mostly helping people work with the computers, applying for jobs or looking for other information online. She helped make business cards for one fellow who stands out on U.S. 1 with a cardboard sign offering his services as a handyman.

After a while, she said, she noticed patterns in the difficulties many people were having and thought about how they might get beyond these obstacles.

"I was continually struck by often it seems like a small amount of money might be able to make a big difference in people's lives," she said in an interview.

Help in small doses

She writes the figure "$300" with a black marker on a whiteboard. All 10 people fill out the A Hat for Harold request/survey form, which asks a bit about their lives: marital and employment status, number of children, primary mode of transportation, where they've spent most nights in the past six months.

A separate one-day survey conducted in January counted 230 homeless people in Howard County, a place usually associated with affluence and the planned tidiness of Columbia. Roughly two-thirds of those were living in a shelter at the time of the survey, the rest outdoors. They might be in their cars, under highway overpasses, doorways, perhaps in tents.

Most live along U.S. 1, where wooded patches between the fast-food restaurants, car dealerships, motels and industrial buildings become
makeshift campgrounds. One resident of the area says you can often see the lights from campfires through the trees.

James W. Conroe, who sometimes goes by Jason, said he's been in one of those tents and has been outdoors off and on for more than two years. He came to the center hoping he can get $150 for a tire he needs for his Ford pickup, to replace the nearly bald one on the driver's side rear.

With a new tire, the 39-year-old car mechanic figures he can make the 1,000-mile trip down to southern Georgia, where his mother lives, and start his life over again.

Donald "Butch" McCulley, 50, the handyman who now has those business cards Ingram-Hudgins helped him make, said he needs $132 for two more nights at the Turf Motel, down U.S. 1, where he's been living for months. Work has been slow during the holidays, he said.

He had been living with his girlfriend, Staci M. Watkins, who was contributing part of her disability check to their living expenses. But earlier this month, Watkins, 49, was found dead in a patch of trees near the motel. Police do not suspect homicide.

Another 54-year-old man, who would not give his full name, said he's been in a shelter for a few weeks and needs $65 for a pair of boots so he can report for work at a warehouse job in Prince George's County, his first full-time job in about a year. Of course, it's another question how he's going to find steady transportation to get there, he said.

It was a man like this, in need of basic things, who inspired A Hat for Harold.

By the time Ingram-Hudgins met him, though, she was already on a mission.

'They call me Harold'

She reached a crisis in her own life in the spring of 2010 when, at age 47, the mother of two daughters ended up in an intensive care unit at Laurel Regional Hospital, being treated for blood clots in both lungs. Facing her own mortality "gave me a pause to reflect. It gave me a sense there was something else I had to do," she said.

Her younger daughter, Ashley, was already in the habit of asking her mother to stop at intersections so the girl could give her own money to homeless people. Months after Ingram-Hudgins was released from the hospital, she and her daughter took the practice to another level, making gift bags filled with fruit, gloves, scarves and toiletries.

On Christmas Day 2010, Ingram-Hudgins drove to the intersection of University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue in Langley Park and handed out about 15 bags. One homeless man she met that day made a strong impression on her. He was probably in his mid-30s, slim, with a smile from "ear to ear," she says. Asked his name, he said, "They call me Harold."

She saw him again a few weeks later, on a cold day in January, and asked him what he needed most. He said he needed a hat. Her daughter, Ashley, knitted one for him, and suggested to her mother that she might start some sort of organization called "A Hat for Harold."

She saw him several times in the weeks that followed. Once she bought him a bus pass. Then he said he and his girlfriend needed a night or two "off the concrete," so she paid for a motel. The last time she saw him was February of last year, in the lobby of the Econo Lodge on New Hampshire Avenue, when she handed him $300 for a room he said he had found that he could rent.

He smiled and said, "We'll use this to rise."

She told him she couldn't do any more, she said.

"I walked out and drove away, and I haven't seen him since," she said. "I would love to know what happened to him. And I would love to help him."

Instead, she's trying to help his peers among the homeless. It's an unusual approach. She hasn't found another organization doing precisely the same thing.

Neil Donovan, executive director of the National Coalition for the Homeless, said he's never heard of A Hat for Harold, and said the approach is unlike anything he knows about. He likes the idea.

"What I really appreciate is that homeless people are part of the decision-making," Donovan said. He said it seems a good alternative to giving money to sidewalk panhandlers or "giving to an institution where you don't know how the money is going to be used."

Voting for change

On this night, the voting goes quickly enough. Conroe, who has made his request several times before, prevails. Seeing this, McCulley
revises his request from $132 for two nights to $66 for one, leaving no conflict between his request and the man who needs the work boots.

"I'd rather drop it down so he gets his boots," McCulley said later.

"That's work," he said. "This is supposed to be about a hand up, not a handout."

That makes 14 grants since the meetings began in early November, for a total of $1,212.

Using an iPhone mobile app from the PexCard company, Ingram-Hudgins moves money electronically from one account to the debit cards. She programs the cards to pay no more than the amount granted, and only for the product category that the person requested. For instance, if someone asked for something to buy from "automotive dealers," the card would deny an attempt to buy something in "retail stores," or "travel and transportation."

Since the program started, two charges have been denied. In one instance, the person tried to spend $70.20 at Walmart when the grant was for $35. In another, the person thought he had enough money left over from his purchase of cellphone time for a $5.71 sandwich at Subway, but the charge was denied.

She's still not sure how these cases should be handled, but she'll take it up with the group at the next meeting.

She hasn't started applying for formal grants, but she has been raising money through a Facebook page and a website, http://www.ahatforharold.org.

"We're a long way from being sustainable," she said, heading back out to her car in a cold rain, her day's work completed at the Day Center. "But I have to try."

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1-14-12 Juniors Get Newly Updated Bible Study Guides

Biblical time lines, more realistic artwork, parents’ pages, more doctrinal emphasis

*PowerPoints*, the official Sabbath School Bible Study Guide for Juniors (ages 10 to 14) has new and updated features that include:

A **biblical time line**, showing where each Bible story falls among the significant historical events of the Bible. This helps learners make the connection between the individual Bible stories and the whole Bible narrative thereby enhancing their understanding of God's plan for their lives.

**Retro-inspired, realistic artwork**, depicting Bible times with illustrations in a layout that promises to engage learners with the Bible lessons in new and meaningful ways.

**Parents’ pages**, which correspond to each lesson, include: core teachings, Ellen White references, family worship ideas, as well as activities and questions for discussion.

**Added emphasis to key doctrines** of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

As part of an ongoing curricular assessment, the General Conference Sabbath School and Personal Ministries (SSPM) Department plans to release revised versions of the Children’s Bible Study Guides: Primary in 2014; Beginner and Kindergarten in 2015. The primary objective of SSPM is to facilitate for our children a relationship with Jesus as their friend and Savior that will lead to eternal life. These revisions fulfill that objective by continuing to provide Bible-based instruction in the way that children learn best.
Health Summit New York - Mar 13, Wed - The NAD 2013 Health Summit especially for the Atlantic...

Creating a Vibrant Health Ministry - Apr 12, Fri - Adventist Health Ministries of the North Pacific Union...

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Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program-II - Sep 23, Mon - Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program (NLCP) is...

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What has helped you most in your personal Christian growth? Take the Poll
Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference pastors gathered at Camp Whitesand the weekend of September 28–30 for an intensive training session with Tom Evans and Walter Allred. Tom Evans is an associate director at the North American Division Evangelistic Institute and previously was the church planting coordinator for the Texas Conference, where he coordinated the planting of 114 new congregations in nine years. Walter Allred is currently serving as a pastor in Texas, where he also coaches several lay church planters.

The goal of our three-day training session at Camp Whitesand was to equip our pastors with the skills they need to be effective coaches. Our focus was on coaching lay church planters. However, the coaching skills acquired by our pastors will be valuable in many different contexts.

The 15-hour Church Plant Coaching Certification Course prepared our pastors to empower committed lay people to raise up new congregations in our conference. Some of these congregations will meet in rented venues. Others will meet in the homes of our church members. The house church approach will enable us to reach into many of the small towns scattered across Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

My hope is that by the end of 2013 every Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference pastor will be actively coaching a lay church planter. This model has worked amazingly well in Texas, where thousands of new members have come into the church as a direct result of church planting. This model will also work well here in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

We have already seen it work effectively in Winnipeg. The Transcona church was established back in 2006 by Franklin St. Bernard, a gifted layperson who sensed that God was calling him to plant a new church on the east side of Winnipeg. Franklin and his team of 22 committed Christ-followers launched the Transcona Seventh-day Adventist Church. In the last five years, the Transcona church has welcomed 26 new members by baptism or profession of faith. Today over 50 people gather for worship each Sabbath.

Many of these individuals would never have become Seventh-day Adventists were it not for a committed layperson who responded to the call of God to launch a new church.

Ellen White said, “I saw jets of light shining from cities and villages, and from the high places and the low places of the earth. God’s word was obeyed, and as a result there were memorials for Him in every city and village. His truth was proclaimed throughout the world” (Testimonies, vol. 9, pp. 28, 29). The day will come when there will be a Seventh-day Adventist congregation in every city and village in our conference. I believe that most of these new congregations will be launched by dedicated lay people. Could it be that one of those “jets of light” Ellen White saw in her vision is a church God is calling you to launch?

Jeff Potts, Executive Secretary, Man.-Sask. Conference
Calendars of Special Days

The following documents (in PDF format) are days that have been voted at the annual North American Division Year-end Meeting:

- 2012 Calendar of Special Days List (PDF)
- 2013 Calendar of Special Days List (PDF)

RESOURCES AND HELPFUL WEBSITES RELATED TO TOPICS OF MONTH-LONG FOCUS AND SPECIAL DAYS

**January:**
- Focus of the Month: Friendship Evangelism

**Helpful website(s) and Resources:**
- Retention Ministry - Keep "Them" through Hospitality (Word Document brochure)
- Retention Ministry - Keep "Them" through Hospitality (PowerPoint Program)
- Women in Touch (Friendship Evangelism)
- Heart Call - A Ministry to Reclaim Women Who Have Stopped Attending Church
- "Hospitality" in Women's Ministries Certification, Level 3
- NAD Prayer Calendar
- Ten Days of Prayer

**Special Day(s):**
- January 5, Day of Prayer
- January 20-26, Religious Liberty Week

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**February:**

**Helpful website(s) and Resources:**
- Prayer Ministries
- North American Religious Liberty Association (NARLA)
- Religious Liberty Manual (Tips for overseeing your Religious Liberty Ministry)
- How to Reenergize Your Local Church Religious Liberty Program (PowerPoint)
- Liberty Magazine
Focus of the Month: Family Life

Helpful website(s) and Resources:
• Family Ministries Curriculum for Local Church Leaders
• Family Ministries Handbook (English & Spanish)
• 2012 Family Ministries Planbook, Families Reaching Up
• Family Ministries Quick Guide

(March 2-23, Black History Month
February 3-9, Christian Home and Marriage Week
February 16, Health Ministries Sabbath)

Helpful website(s) and Resources:
• Family Ministries website
• NAD Health Ministries website
• Health Unlimited Newsletter

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Focus of the Month: Women in the Church

Helpful website(s) and Resources:
• Women's Ministries

(March 2, Women's Day of Prayer
March 3-9, Adventist Youth Week of Prayer
March 16, Disabilities Awareness Sabbath)

Helpful website(s) and Resources:
• Women's Day of Prayer Resources and Information
• 3rd NAD Youth Prayer Conference, March 7-11 ("Just Claim It!")
• Disabilities Ministries Website
• Disabilities Ministries Resources
• Christian Record Services for the Blind

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Focus of the Month: Stewardship

Helpful website(s) and Resources:
• NAD Stewardship
• iGiveSDA App
• Counsels on Stewardship
• Faith and Finance

(April 6, Missionary Magazines (Signs, Message, El Centinela, Priorities)
April 13, Stewardship Sabbath
April 20, Literature Evangelism Sabbath
April 27, Education Sabbath)

Helpful website(s) and Resources:
• NAD Stewardship
• iGiveSDA App
• NAD Education

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Focus of the Month: Community Services

Helpful website(s) and Resources:
• NAD Community Services
• Youth Ministries
• The Jesus Way to Youth Discipleship
• Hey Youth Preach the Word
• Mission Lifeguard Training
• More resources such as Just Claim It Prayer Time and Youth Ministry Formula (YM2), are available at the NAD and GC Youth Ministries Websites
• Single Adult Ministries (ASAM)

(May 5, Community Services Sabbath
May 12, Youth Sabbath
May 19, Single Adults Sabbath)

Helpful website(s) and Resources:
• NAD Community Services
• Youth Ministries
• The Jesus Way to Youth Discipleship
• Hey Youth Preach the Word
• Mission Lifeguard Training
• More resources such as Just Claim It Prayer Time and Youth Ministry Formula (YM2), are available at the NAD and GC Youth Ministries Websites
• Single Adult Ministries (ASAM)

• ASAM 2012 Convention
• Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM) Resources:
• ASAM Curriculum
• Adventist Singles Ministries Quick Start Guide
• Helpful tips and ASAM Resources

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Focus of the Month: Legal Notice & Privacy Policy

Helpful website(s) and Resources:
• Legal Notice & Privacy Policy

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Focus of the Month:
Church Growth and Evangelism

Helpful website(s) and Resources:
NAD Evangelism Institute

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JULY:
Focus of the Month:
Adventist Lifestyle

Helpful websites:
www.nadhealthministries.org
www.adventistsinstepforlife.org
www.nadhealthsummit.com
• About Adventist Health Study II
• SDA Dietetic Association

Special Day(s):
July 14 – Griggs University and International Academy Promotional Day

Helpful website:
www.griggs.edu/

Related Resources and QuickLinks:
• NAD Health Ministries Newsletter, Health Unlimited
• Webinar, July 26: Join Adventists InStep for Life!
• Pacific Press Resources on Adventist Lifestyle

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AUGUST
Focus of the Month:
Spiritual Gifts

Special Day(s):
August 25 - Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day (APED)

Helpful website:
www.nadwm.org
www.enditnow.org

Recommended Resources for Abuse Prevention and Education:
- Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day Resource Kit (in English, Spanish, and French), with sermon, PowerPoint illustrations and children’s story
- Breaking the Silence – Set of seven brochures; available in English and Spanish from AdventSource.
- Love Shouldn’t Hurt brochure – A resource for pastors and church leaders, from AdventSource.
- Binding Up Bruised Reeds – A quick reference guide for pastors and lay leaders to help them respond to cases of family violence and child abuse and neglect, from AdventSource.
- What Every Congregation Needs to Know About Domestic Violence brochure (in English and Spanish), from FaithTrust Institute
- What You Need to Know About Sexual Violence brochure – from FaithTrust Institute.
- Seminars from NAD Summit on Abuse, online at www.nadwm.org:
  - The Art of Bullying, Larry Blackmer
  - Responding to Abusers, Christopher C. Bradford
  - Breaking the Silence of Domestic Violence, Claudio Consuegra
  - Domestic Violence Research in the Adventist Church, René Drumm
  - Legal Implications for Reporting Abuse Within Organizations, Kent Hansen
  - A Woman’s Worth, Darriel Hoy
  - Teen and Young Adult Dating Abuse, Annie Perez, PhD
  - Long-term Risks of Abuse and Effecting Resiliency: What You Can Do, Kiti Freier Randall, PhD
  - Hope and Healing for Survivors, Katia Reinert
  - Making a Difference in Spouse Abuse: Becoming a First Responder and Advocate, Stephanie Sheehan
  - Overview of the EndItNow Campaign, Heather-Dawn Small
  - Reality Bites: Dispelling Myths About Abuse, Clare Sheridan-Matney, MD
  - Reconsidering Commonly Quoted Scriptures and Concepts, Doug Tilstra, PhD

Related Resources and Quick Links:
- Abuse, Domestic Violence Prevention
- EndItNow
- Pacific Press Resources on Abuse

SEPTEMBER:
Focus of the Month:
Family Life

Helpful website(s):
www.adventistfamilyministries.com
http://www.emale.org

Special Day(s):
September 1 – Men’s Day of Prayer
September 2-8 – Nurture Periodicals: (Adventist Review, Insight, Guide, Primary Treasure, Our Little Friend)
September 9-15 – Family Togetherness Week
September 16-22 – Hispanic Heritage Week

Related Resources Quick Links:
- Men's Day of Prayer:
  - Spanish: “La Mayor Necesidad del Mundo”
- AdventSource - September Special Days Resources

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**Focus of the Month:**
Adventist Heritage

**Helpful website(s):**
- Adventist Heritage
- Adventist Heritage Magazine Collection
- Archives and Statistics, GC
- Biblical Research Institute
- Center for Adventist Research, Andrews Univ.
- Ellen G. White Estate Official Website
- La Sierra Library Heritage Room

**Special Day(s):**
- October 6, Children's Sabbath
- October 7-13, Health Education Week (*Vibrant Life*)
- October 20, Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath
- October 27, Pathfinder Sabbath

**Helpful website(s):**
- Children's Sabbath
- AdventSource Related Resources
- *Vibrant Life* Magazine
- E. G. White Estate, Spirit of Prophecy Day - Heritage Sabbath
- Pathfinders

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**NOVEMBER:**

**Focus of the Month:**
Health

**Helpful website(s):**
- Health Ministries Department
- Adventist Recovery
- Adventists in Step for Life
- NAD Health Summit
- *Vibrant Life* Magazine

**Special Day(s):**
- November 3-24, Native Heritage Month
- November 3, Stewardship Sabbath
- November 4-10, Week of Prayer
- November 17, Human Relations Sabbath
- November 24, Welcome Home Sabbath

**Helpful website(s):**
- Native Ministries
- Stewardship Department
- Prayer Ministries
- Reconnecting Ministries

**Related Resources Quick Links:**
- AdventSource Related Resources
- Reclaiming: Women in Touch (Friendship Evangelism)
- Heart Call - A Ministry to Reclaim Women Who Have Stopped Attending Church

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**DECEMBER:**

**Focus of the Month:**
Christian Hospitality

**Helpful website(s) and Resources:**
- Hospitality Ministry Description
- Retention Ministry - Keep “Them” through Hospitality (Word Document brochure)
- Retention Ministry - Keep “Them” through Hospitality (PowerPoint Program)
- “Hospitality” in Women’s Ministries Certification, Level 3

**Special Day(s):**
- December 1, Bible Sabbath

**Helpful website(s) and Resources:**
- AdventSource Related Resources
- *Handbook for Bible Study*
- Journey of Joy DVD Bible Studies
- Lifting Up Jesus
- BibleInfo.com
- NAD Website List of Bible Studies
- Bibles and Bible study for visually impaired

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**Additional links on this topic:**
*Can You Come for Dinner? (Hospitality)*

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